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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Susheng GAN, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5823
Application No.: 09/973,945 : Group Art Unit: 1631
Filed: October 11, 2001 : Examiner: Marianne P. Allen

For: GENETIC INSULATOR FOR PREVENTING INFLUENCE BY ANOTHER GENE PROMOTER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2005, now due to expire November 18, 2005, be extended for two months and set to expire on January 18, 2006.

Please charge the extension fee of \$225.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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